

**REMARKS**

The office action dated March 28, 2005, has been carefully considered and the application has been amended in an effort to place it in condition for immediate allowance.

The Abstract was objected to because of the term BMII contained a typographical error. Accordingly, this term has been changed to GMII. With regard to the suggested change from 13 pins to 12 pins in line 11 of page 2 and line 14 of page 7, applicant declines to make this change for the reason that it is believed to be accurate. If Fig. 1 is examined, there are 13 pins shown in this figure and therefore the number recited in the specification is believed to be accurate.

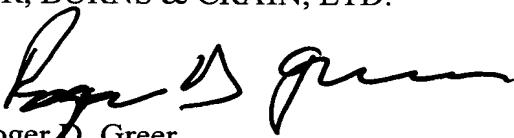
The examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Chadha et al. reference. The applicant herein invented the subject matter of the application well before the filing date of Chadha which is May 30, 2001. The §131 Declaration of the undersigned establishes that the subject matter of the present application was conceived and reduced to practice at least as early as September 22, 2000. This is the date of a seven page document entitled "Reduced Gigabit Media Independent Interface" that was supplied to the undersigned on or about the date of April. 26, 2001 when the undersigned was requested to quote the cost of the preparation of a patent application for this invention. The RGMII seven page document describes the invention in detail.

Inasmuch as the Chadha et al. patent is removed as prior art to the claimed invention, all claims should be allowed and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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